

The said bill being read through, was then passed as amended.

The doorkeeper having returned and reported, that he had notified the absent members in the city, that their attendance in the house was requested,

The Speaker propounded the question, Shall the bill, in his hands above mentioned, be withdrawn for the purpose of amendment? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

When, on motion by Mr. Thomas of Cecil, seconded by two other members who voted with him in the majority on the question, the house agreed to reconsider its decision thereon, striking out of said bill the words, "and the Elkton Bank of Maryland."

Mr. Thomas of Cecil, then moved, "that the said words, so stricken out, be restored, and again inserted in the bill." And the question thereon being taken, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Watkins, the question was taken, That the Farmers' Bank of Maryland be also included within the provisions of said bill? And it was decided in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the question was taken, That the branches of the bank last mentioned, be inserted in said bill? And it was negatived.

On motion by Mr. Turner, the question was taken, That the several banks of this state, be inserted in said bill? And it was negatived.

On motion by Mr. Hoblitzell, the question was then taken, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the next general assembly? And it was negatived.

Mr. Shower then offered the following as an amendment, to come in at the end of the bill as an additional section, viz.

"And be it enacted, That the circulation of all bank notes, under five dollars, shall be confined to Prince-George's county, and if any person shall be caught attempting to pass any of said notes out of Prince-George's county, he or she shall be liable to a fine of \$50, to be recovered before a justice of the peace, one half of which fine shall be appropriated to the informer, and the other half to the use of the state."

Which being twice read, on motion by Mr. Turner, the said amendment, was amended, by striking out the word, "county," where it first occurs, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "and Cecil counties."

The question then recurred and was taken, Will the house agree to the amendment as amended? It was decided in the negative.